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POLICE SEEK SUSPECT WHO BRANDISHED FIREARM AT SHOE STORE

Seal Beach, CA – The Seal Beach Police Department is seeking the public’s assistance with identifying a male suspect who brandished a firearm during an argument at a shoe store.

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at about 10:44 am, the Seal Beach Police Department received a call of a man brandishing a firearm just outside of the Private Sneakers store located at 12410-A Seal Beach Boulevard. During that time, the business was having a sale in which special edition shoes were being sold. This special sale attracted a significant number of customers who had lined up outside the business along the sidewalk waiting to enter the store.

At that time at least two adult individuals began to argue about one person allegedly cutting in line. During this heated exchange, the male suspect allegedly removed a handgun from his waistband, held the firearm at his side, pointed it toward the ground, and advanced toward the individual with whom he was arguing. Moments later the suspect walked away and fled the area in a vehicle. The firearm was not discharged and no injuries were reported during this incident.

The suspect is described as a male with a dark skin tone, approximately 23-26 years old, 6’4”, with a thin build, and pocked skin on his face. He was wearing a black do-rag, grey sweatpants, and a turquoise hooded sweatshirt over a white t-shirt.

The suspect entered a vehicle driven by an unknown female subject. The vehicle is described as a dark grey or black, 2014 Buick LaCrosse bearing California license plate #8CHA209. The suspect left the area in the vehicle and police were unable to locate the car or suspect.

This is an ongoing investigation and the Seal Beach Police Department is requesting the public's assistance with identifying the suspect in this incident. Witnesses, victims, or anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Bruno Balderrama at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1109 or bbalderrama@sealbeachca.gov.

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